

Journal of Social, Political, and Economic Studies  
Volume 44, Issue 1-2, Spring-Summer 2019, Pages 3-38

China’s one belt one road (OBOR) initiative and the Muslim world (Article)

Kabeya, S. Hossain, I.

Department of Political Science, International Islamic University Malaysia, Malaysia

Abstract

View references (50)

Ever since President Xi Jinping assumed the office of president of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) in March 2013, Beijing has followed an active foreign policy, abandoning President Hu Jintao’s (2003-2013) “low profile” foreign policy. Under President Xi’s leadership, in addition to claiming full sovereignty over the disputed islands in the South China Sea, and, as part of building good relationship with its neighbours, Beijing has been pursuing a new policy of improving and developing close economic and trade relationship with the neighbouring countries. The One Belt, One Road (OBOR) policy initiative is at the centre of that policy. OBOR revives the ancient Silk Route, a vast and ancient network of trade routes linking China’s merchants with those of Central Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Europe. The modern OBOR connects Muslim-majority states in Central Asia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Indonesia and others as China opens up new trading opportunities. The Maritime Silk Route connects China with Malaysia and Indonesia. It is likely that OBOR would play a key role in the development of China’s economic and political relations with members of the Muslim world. Through document and thematic analysis, this paper seeks to discuss the One Belt One Road initiative, its origin, structure and scope and also provide a historical background. This paper will further explain the influence of Islam on the ancient Silk Road that the OBOR is inspired from and the response of the Muslim world, in particular, Malaysia, Pakistan and Bangladesh to OBOR. © 2019, Council for Social and Economic Studies. All right reserved.

SciVal Topic Prominence

Topic: China | Chinese | Road initiative

Prominence percentile: 92.556

Author keywords

Bangladesh China Malaysia Muslim world One Belt One Road (OBOR) Pakistan

ISSN: 0278839X  
Source Type: Journal  
Original language: English

Document Type: Article  
Publisher: Council for Social and Economic Studies

References (50)

View in search results format >

All Export Print E-mail Save to PDF Create bibliography

1 Plan, A.  
Action Plan: Vision and Actions on Jointly Building Silk Road Economic Belt and 21<sup>st</sup>-century Maritime Silk Road  
(2016) *Beijing: The National Development and Reform Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ministry of Commerce of The People’s Republic of China*

Metrics



PlumX Metrics  
Usage, Captures, Mentions, Social Media and Citations beyond Scopus.

Cited by 0 documents

Inform me when this document is cited in Scopus:

Set citation alert >

Set citation feed >

Related documents

- Will Trump make China great again? The belt and road initiative and international order  
Nordin, A.H.M. , Weissmann, M. (2018) *International Affairs*
- The BCIM forum: Is it sustainable?  
Uberoi, P. (2016) *Look East to Act East Policy: Implications for India's Northeast*
- China's Belt and Road Initiative: at the crossroads of challenges and ambitions  
Tekdal, V. (2018) *Pacific Review*

View all related documents based on references

Find more related documents in Scopus based on:

Authors > Keywords >

- 
- ☐ 2 (2012) *The Silk Road*  
<http://apworldhistory2012-2013.weebly.com>
- 
- ☐ 3 *Not Dated Institute of Chinese Studies*  
New Delhi. Retrieved from [org/bangladesh-india-china-myanmar-forum](http://org/bangladesh-india-china-myanmar-forum)
- 
- ☐ 4 Birnbaum, M., De Young, K., Rucker, P.  
(2017) *Trump Chastises Fellow NATO Members, Demands they Meet Payment Obligations*  
Washington D.C: The Washington Post
- 
- ☐ 5 Callahan, W.A.  
China's "Asia Dream": The Belt Road Initiative and the new regional order  
  
(2016) *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics*, 1 (3), pp. 226-243. Cited 52 times.  
[journals.sagepub.com/home/acp](http://journals.sagepub.com/home/acp)  
doi: 10.1177/2057891116647806  
  
[View at Publisher](#)
- 
- ☐ 6 Dash, K.  
Dynamics of South Asian Regionalism  
(2012) *Routledge Handbook of Asian Regionalism*  
Mark Beeson, and Richard Stubbs (ed), Milton Park, Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge
- 
- ☐ 7 Dellios, R.  
Silk Roads of the twenty-first century: The cultural dimension ([Open Access](#))  
  
(2017) *Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies*, 4 (2), pp. 225-236. Cited 7 times.  
[onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%292050-2680](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%292050-2680)  
doi: 10.1002/app5.172  
  
[View at Publisher](#)
- 
- ☐ 8 Deepak, B.R.  
China's global rebalancing: Will it reshape the international political and economic order?  
  
(2018) *China's Global Rebalancing and the New Silk Road*, pp. 1-12.  
<http://www.springer.com/in/book/9789811059711>  
ISBN: 978-981105972-8; 978-981105971-1  
doi: 10.1007/978-981-10-5972-8\_1  
  
[View at Publisher](#)
- 
- ☐ 9 Dey, P.  
Economic Corridors and Regional Economic Integration  
(2014) *Developing Economic Corridors in South Asia Manila: Asian Development Bank*  
in Prabir Dey and Kavita Iyengar (ed.)
- 
- ☐ 10 Dey, P., Iyengar, K.  
Overview: Making the Case for Economic Corridors for South Asia  
(2014) *Developing Economic Corridors in South Asia*  
in Prabir Dey and Kavita Iyengar (ed.), Manila: Asian Development Bank
-

- 
- ☐ 11 Tribune, D.  
(2017) *Rehman Sobhan: BRI Marks Emergence of New, Asia-Centric World Order*  
9 May, Dhaka: Available at  
[www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/development/](http://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/development/)
- 

- ☐ 12 (2016) *One Belt, One Road: An Economic Roadmap*. Cited 5 times.  
London: Economist Group
- 

- ☐ 13 Frankopan, P.  
(2016) *The Silk Roads: A New History of the World*. Cited 71 times.  
London: Bloomsbury Publishing PLC
- 

- ☐ 14 Foltz, R.C.  
Religions of the silk road: Premodern patterns of globalization: Second edition  
  
(2010) *Religions of the Silk Road: Premodern Patterns of Globalization: Second Edition*, pp. 1-190. Cited 36 times.  
<http://www.palgrave.com/us/book/9780230621251>  
ISBN: 978-023010910-0; 978-023062125-1  
doi: 10.1057/9780230109100  
  
View at Publisher
- 

- ☐ 15 Garlick, J.  
Deconstructing the China-Pakistan economic corridor: Pipe dreams versus geopolitical realities  
  
(2018) *Journal of Contemporary China*, 27 (112), pp. 519-533. Cited 4 times.  
<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/10670564.html>  
doi: 10.1080/10670564.2018.1433483  
  
View at Publisher
- 

- ☐ 16 Gupta, A.  
(2013) *Standing Down*, *World Policy Journal*, 30 (4), pp. 3-8.
- 

- ☐ 17 (2013) *Government of India*. Cited 369 times.  
20 May, New Delhi: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 

- ☐ 18 Huntington, S.P.  
(1996) *The Clash of Civilization and the Remaking of World Order*. Cited 7873 times.  
New York: Simon and Schuster Paperbacks
- 

- ☐ 19 (2016) *The Belt and Road Initiative*. Cited 4 times.  
Hong Kong: Hong Kong Trade Development Council Research
-

- ☐ 20 Kradin, N.  
A review of the silk roads: A new history of the world by Peter Frankopan (Bloomsbury publishing PLC, 2015) ([Open Access](#))  
  
(2016) *Cliodynamics*, 7 (2), pp. 288-289.  
[escholarship.org/uc/irows\\_cliodynamics](http://escholarship.org/uc/irows_cliodynamics)  
doi: 10.21237/C7clio7233333  
  
[View at Publisher](#)
- 
- ☐ 21 Keough, J.  
Introduction  
  
(2017) *Asia Policy*, 24 (1), pp. 66-70.  
<http://muse.jhu.edu/article/666555/pdf>  
doi: 10.1353/asp.2017.0022  
  
[View at Publisher](#)
- 
- ☐ 22 Kumar, R.  
Winter 2013-2014 The Big Question: China Vs India: Which Country Will Emerge as the Leading Power?  
*World Policy Journal*  
Durham, US: Duke University Press
- 
- ☐ 23 Kuzmina, E.E., Mair, V.H.  
The prehistory of the Silk Road  
  
(2015) *The Prehistory of the Silk Road*, pp. 1-248. Cited 61 times.  
<https://muse.jhu.edu/book/38706>  
ISBN: 978-081229233-6; 0812240413; 978-081224041-2
- 
- ☐ 24 Lin, J.Y.  
One Belt and One Road and Free Trade Zones — China's New Opening-Up Initiatives.  
(2015) *China: Front. Econ*, 10 (4), pp. 585-590. Cited 9 times.
- 
- ☐ 25 Ling, L.H.M., Perrigoue, A.C.  
OBOR and the Silk Road Ethos: An ancient template for contemporary world politics  
  
(2018) *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics*, 3 (3), pp. 207-218. Cited 4 times.  
[journals.sagepub.com/home/acp](http://journals.sagepub.com/home/acp)  
doi: 10.1177/2057891117753771  
  
[View at Publisher](#)
- 
- ☐ 26 Yang, L.  
(2017) *China-India Relations in the Contemporary World: Dynamics of National Interest and Identity*  
Milton Park, Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge
- 
- ☐ 27 Markey, D.  
The Strange Tale of Sino-Pakistani Friendship  
(2016) *Asia Policy*, 21, pp. 151-155.  
Washington, D.C: National Bureau of Asian Research
- 
- ☐ 28 Mohanty, S.K.  
(2014) *India-China Bilateral Trade Relationship: A Study Prepared for Reserve Bank of India*. Cited 5 times.  
January, New Delhi: Research and Information System for Developing Countries
-

- ☐ 29 Patil, R.  
(2017) *More Chinese Companies Investing in India but Political Thaws, Barriers Remain*  
10 April, New Delhi: Hindustan Times
- 
- ☐ 30 Pentucci, R.  
China's South Asian Miscalculations  
(2018) *Current History*, pp. 142-147.  
April
- 
- ☐ 31 Razak, N.  
(2017) *Why Malaysia Supports China's Belt and Road*  
12 May, Hong Kong: South China Morning Post
- 
- ☐ 32 Rolland, N.  
(2015) *China's New Silk Road*. Cited 14 times.  
Washington, DC: The National Bureau of Asian Research
- 
- ☐ 33 Sen, T.T.  
Introduction of the overland Silk Road and Maritime Silk Road  
(2016) *China's One Belt One Road Initiative*, pp. 21-29.  
London: Imperial College Press. Chapter Two
- 
- ☐ 34 Shah, A.R.  
How Does China–Pakistan Economic Corridor Show the Limitations of China's 'One Belt One Road' Model ([Open Access](#))  
  
(2018) *Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies*, 5 (2), pp. 378-385.  
[onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%292050-2680](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%292050-2680)  
doi: 10.1002/app5.224  
  
[View at Publisher](#)
- 
- ☐ 35 Sidaway, J.D., Woon, C.Y.  
(2017)  
Chinese Narratives on "One Belt, One Road"
- 
- ☐ 36 Small, A.J., Lamont, B.  
Pakistan and the One Belt One Road Initiative: Prospects for China-Pakistan Economic Corridor  
(2018) *Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Pakistan*  
Pande, Aparna(Ed.), Abingdon, Oxon; New York, NY: Routledge
- 
- ☐ 37 Sobhan, R.  
(1999) *Transforming Eastern South Asia: Building Growth Zones for Economic Cooperation*. Cited 8 times.  
Dhaka: Centre for Policy Research
- 
- ☐ 38 Sobhan, R.  
(2000) *Rediscovering the Southern Silk Route — Integrating Asia's Transport Infrastructure*. Cited 7 times.  
Dhaka: University Press Limited
-

- 
- ☐ 39 Swaine, M.D.  
Chinese Views and Commentary on the 'One Belt, One Road' Initiative  
(2015) *China Leadership Monitor*, p. 47. Cited 62 times.  
Stanford, California: Hoover Institution
- 
- ☐ 40 TFAF  
(2017) *Trade Facilitation — Cutting 'Red tape' at the Border*  
Geneva, Switzerland: World Trade Organization
- 
- ☐ 41 Thomas, D.  
China's 'One Belt, One Road' Initiative  
(2015) *Brics and China*  
<http://www.bricandchina.com>
- 
- ☐ 42 (2014) *PM Seeks Easy Market Access*  
7 June  
<https://www.thedailystar.net/pm-seeks-easy-market-access-27377>
- 
- ☐ 43 (2017) *PM Advocates Continuation of SAARC*  
18 January  
<http://www.thedailystar.net/country/pm-advocates-continuation-saarc-1347070>
- 
- ☐ 44 (2016) *Our Bulldozers, Our Foreign Policy*  
2 July , Retrieved from  
<https://www.economist.com/>
- 
- ☐ 45 (2018) *India-China Bilateral Trade Hits Historic High of \$84.44 Billion in 2017*. Cited 2 times.  
7 May, from <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-china-bilateral-trade-hits-historichigh-of-84-44-billion-in-2017>
- 
- ☐ 46 Uberoi, P.  
The BCIM Corridor: A Leap into the Unknown?  
(2016) *The Agartala Doctrine: A Proactive Northeast in Indian Foreign Policy*. Cited 2 times.  
in Shubir Bhaiumik (ed.), Oxford: Oxford University Press
- 
- ☐ 47 Xi, J.  
(2014) *The Governance of China*, pp. 317-318. Cited 79 times.  
Beijing: Foreign Language Press
- 
- ☐ 48 Xie, T.  
Is China's 'Belt and Road' a Strategy? When Is a Strategy Not a Strategy?  
(2016) *The Diplomat*  
16 July, Tokyo, Japan: Trans-Asia Inc
-

□ 49 Zhao, H.  
(2015) *China's New Maritime Silk Road: Implications and Opportunities for Southeast Asia*, p. 3. Cited 3 times.  
Trends. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, No

□ 50 Zhao, H.  
China's One Belt, One Road: An Overview of the Debate  
(2016) *Trend in Southeast Asia*  
Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies—Yusuf Ishak Institute

🔍 Hossain, I.; Department of Political Science, International Islamic University Malaysia, Malaysia;  
email:ihossain@iiium.edu.my  
© Copyright 2019 Elsevier B.V., All rights reserved.

About Scopus

What is Scopus

Content coverage

Scopus blog

Scopus API

Privacy matters

Language

日本語に切り替える

切换到简体中文

切换到繁體中文

Русский язык

Customer Service

Help

Contact us